SUBJECT No. 192.

Introduction of intermediate class carriages.

Messrs. (1) D. Venkataramiah, Usmankhan and Abdul Rahman, Bangalore City Municipal Council, and (2) Puttasame Gowda, Malvalli taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The railway authorities may be moved to introduce intermediate class carriages on (1) all the railway lines in the State, and (2) the Mysore-Bangalore railway line.

Reply of Government.—The question will be considered on lines on which passenger traffic justifies such a step. The result of this on Bangalore-Poona line is being watched.

SUBJECT No. 193.

Reserved compartments for high caste Hindus in the Mysore State Railway.

Mr. M. D. Narasimha Iyengar, Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Note.—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 194.

Third class waiting rooms.

Messrs. Kodandarama Setti, Anantarajappa and Anantalakshminaranappa, Tumkur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The major portion of railway passengers travel in the 3rd class. Steps may kindly be taken to have the 3rd class waiting rooms provided with proper flooring and to provide separate accommodation for ladies.

Reply of Government.—A list of cases in which the necessity is felt, if sent up, will be forwarded to the Railway Department for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 195.

Prevention of thefts at railway goods-sheds and parcel rooms.

Mr. T. M. Siddappa, Mysore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The people, especially the merchants, suffer a heavy loss on account of thefts in parcel rooms and goods-sheds of important railway stations in the State. Though this fact has been repeatedly brought to the notice of the railway authorities, they have not taken proper steps to put a stop to such thefts. They may be addressed to take proper steps in the matter.

Messrs. T. M. Siddappa, C. Vasudeva Rao, S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Karnick Krishnamurti Rao and B. K Garudachar and other members represented that people—especially merchants—suffered heavy loss on this account and that it was difficult to get redress by appealing to the Railway authorities or the Police. The contents of packages were abstracted, inferior goods being sometimes substituted; the goods-shed in Bangalore had no compound wall, and the Railway Police disclaimed responsibilities for acts which took place outside the Goods Yard, while the City Police had nothing to do with what took place inside it. The members urged measures for securing due co-operation between the Police of the Bangalore City and that of the Railway and for generally increasing police supervision over bad characters. A partnership generally between the Railway Station authorities and the Police for common gain rendered the prevention of thefts difficult.

Reply of Government.—Merchants should make out a list of specific cases and explain the exact methods in